

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Embodiment 1 of fig. 1-14;

Embodiment 2 of Fig. 15;

Embodiment 3 of Fig. 16;

Embodiment 4 of Fig. 17;

Embodiment 5 of Fig. 18;

Embodiment 6 of Fig. 19;

Embodiment 7 of Fig. 20; and

Embodiment 8 of Fig. 21.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Embodiment 1, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-14, with traverse. Examination of claims directed to all identified species would not present an undue burden. Accordingly, the requirement for election should be withdrawn.

Claim(s) 1-6, 9 and 10 are directed to the elected species. At least claim 1 is generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Application No.: 10/530,519

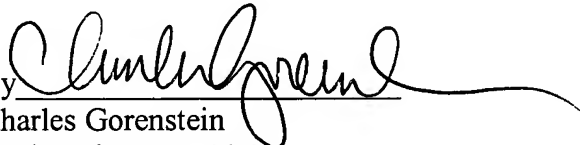
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☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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